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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : OXCART Engine Compressor Honeycomb Problem

REFERENCE : Memo for the Record from ASD/OSA, Dated 29 August 1963; Same Subject [REDACTED]

Attached is [REDACTED] excellent review of the honeycomb problem, which I gather you surfaced to General Carter this morning, and about which he was understandably confused. We have attached an extra copy in case you wish to leave one with General Carter. I think it should be noted here that we should not leave the impression with the General that this was another "screw-up" in Pratt & Whitney, but that it results from their attempt to apply fixes as rapidly as possible to as many engines as possible so as to reduce the time which would otherwise be lost if fixes were applied to only one engine at a time. You should note also that the two work days referred to in Paragraph 5. A. are not Saturday and Sunday of this week, since the Base will be closed down for all practical purposes until Tuesday. Unfortunately, we concurred in the holiday weekend and made our commitments to this effect before the honeycomb problem emerged.

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